

SPECIAL BULLETIN

Important Changes to Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program:

- Mandatory Prior Approval Review Process
- Revised Formulary

February 2007 – Effective 7/1/07, the Adult Cystic Fibrosis (ACF) Program will only cover specific drugs related to the treatment of cystic fibrosis and its complications through a prior approval review process. All of the drugs that a cystic fibrosis client needs cannot be covered by this program due to limited funding and increasing requests.

Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program Information

Financially eligible clients with cystic fibrosis may qualify for cystic fibrosis related drug coverage under the Adult CF Program administered by the Department of Public Health (DPH). Details are available on the POMCS website at www.ncdhhs.gov/control/pomcs/pomcs.htm. A POMCS authorization request form (DHHS 3056) must be completed and signed by the prescribing physician and forwarded to POMCS for review for all needed drugs. All drugs must be individually listed. A written reply to the request will be mailed to the pharmacy, physician, and the patient. Pharmacies may provide a 3056 form to the physicians and this form is available at the following link: <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/control/pomcs/3056.pdf>

Prior Approval

Effective 7/1/07, for new and continuing authorization requests (renewals), each client must have an authorized list of all specific medications approved through POMCS and on file at the pharmacy. Please check the ending date of your current authorization request.

Effective immediately, all current existing drug authorizations will also include those drugs listed on the formulary attached with this letter. The attached formulary is a list of commonly used medications and nutritional supplements for the treatment of cystic fibrosis or complications of cystic fibrosis. This formulary will change over time. Please check the POMCS web site for the most current medication list.

If a client needs a drug that is NOT on his/her authorized list and NOT on this formulary, a 3056 form for that specific drug must be completed and signed by the requesting physician. **The physician should include information about how the requested drug is related to the client's cystic fibrosis.**

Generic drugs should be requested as the drug of first choice when possible. Brand names for pancreatic enzyme supplements are an exception. Drugs that are not on the formulary (such as mental health and pain

medications) may be requested. All drug requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine how the use of the drug is medically necessary for the treatment of the client's cystic fibrosis or its complications. Requests for all drugs (and especially controlled substances) need to be coordinated through one primary care provider or medical home.

For Current Authorizations:

Effective immediately, claims for drugs on the attached formulary will also be paid with a current drug authorization from the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program.

Effective 7/1/07, those claims for specific drugs that do not have a current authorization and are not listed on the formulary will not be paid.

Questions or requests for additional information related to these changes should be directed to: Dr. Gerry Mattson, Medical Consultant, 919-707-5622, gerri.mattson@ncmail.net

NC Adult Cystic Fibrosis Formulary (Medications)

Accolate 20mg tablet
Actigall 300 mg capsule
AccuNeb nebulization
AcipHex
Acyclovir
ADEK vitamins
Advair diskus
Albuterol aerosol solutions
Albuterol sulfate nebulization
Albuterol sulfate tablets
Alendronate
Allegra
Amikacin
Amoxicillin
Amoxil
Amoxicillin clavulanate potassium
Augmentin in all forms except extended release
Azactam
Azithromycin
Azmacort aerosol for oral inhalation
Aztreonam
Bactrim
Blaxin
Brethine injection solution and tablet
Budesonide nebulized solution and for oral inhalation
Calcium carbonate
Calcium citrate
Calcium gluconate
Ceftazidime infusion
Centrum vitamins
Cetirizine
Cipro in tablet and infusion forms
Ciprofloxacin in tablets and infusion forms
Citrucel capsules and powder forms
Clarithromycin
Colistimethate
Colistin
Combivent
Creon
Dicloxacillin
Doxycycline in all dosage forms
DuoNeb
Esomeprazole for oral and nasogastric tube use
Fergon
Ferrous gluconate
Ferrous sulfate
Fish oil
Flonase
Flovent
Flovent HFA
Fluconazole
Flunisolide

Fluoxetine

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Fluticasone salmeterol

Folic acid

Fortaz infusion

Fosamax

Furosemide injection and tablets

Gentamicin injection and infusion

GlycoLax powder

GoLYTELY

Heparin IV flush 100 units/ml

Humalog pen, cartridge or vial

Humulin

Hypertonic saline for respiratory treatments

Imipenem cilastatin all injectable forms

Insulin aspart

Insulin glargine

Insulin lispro

Ipratropium bromide and albuterol aerosol and solution

Itraconazole

KCL

Lactulose

Lantus 100 units/ml vial and cartridge

Lasix

Levaquin infusion and tablet

Levofloxacin

Linezolid

Lipram

Magnesium oxide

Megace

Megestrol Acetate suspension and tablet forms

Meropenem

Merrem

Methylcellulose

Methylprednisolone

Metolazone tablets

Minocin

Minocycline capsules and tablets

MiraLax powder

Montelukast

Nasacort AQ nasal spray

Nasacort nasal spray

Nasarel

Nephrocaps

Neprho-Vite

Nexium for oral and nasogastric use

Normal saline for intravenous flush

Novolin

NovoLog

NPH insulin

Omeprazole

Oscal

Palcaps

Pancrease

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Pancrease MT
Pangestyme
Pancrelipase
Phenergan
Phytonadione 5 mg tablet
Piperacillin and tazobactam sodium
Polyethylene glycol 3350
Polyethylene glycol
Prednisone
Prenatal plus tab
Prenate advance tablet
Prilosec
Primaxin
ProAir HFA
Promethazine
Protonix
Proventil aerosol solution
Proventil aerosol HFA solution
Pulmicort nebulized solution and for oral inhalation
Pulmicort TurbuHaler
Pulmozyme 1 mg/ml nebulization form
Ranitidine
Regular insulin
Saline for respiratory treatments
Salmeterol
Senna granules and tablets
Senokot granules and tablets
Septra
Serevent inhaler
Serevent diskus
Singulair
Slo FE
Sodium chloride 10% vial
Sodium chloride 3% vial
Sodium chloride solution 0.9%
Sterile water
Sterile water for injection flip top
Terbutaline injection solution and tablet forms
Theophylline
Ticarcillin clavulanate
Timentin
TOBI for nebulization
Tobramycin
Triamcinolone intranasal spray and aerosol for oral inhalation
Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole
Trimox
Ultracaps MT
Ultrase
Ultrase MT
Ursodeoxycholic acid
Ursodiol
Vancocin

Vancomycin

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Ventolin aerosol solution

Ventolin HFA aerosol solution

Vitamin B complex

Vitamin D

Vitamin K1

Vitamin E

Vitamin A

Zafirlukast

Zantac

Zaroxolyn

Zithromax

Zosyn

Zyrtec

Zyvox 6

70/30 insulin

NC Adult Cystic Fibrosis Formulary (Formulas/Nutritional Supplements)

Skandishake

Ensure products

Boost products

Nestle's Carnation products

Novartis products

Pulmocare